

ABSTRACT

An apparatus to be used in a gripping assembly for gripping a cylindrical member is disclosed. The apparatus includes a jaw body, a gripping insert, and a rotatable camming member disposed between the jaw body and gripping insert. The rotatable camming member rotates in response to the applied clamping and rotational forces of the gripping assembly and operates to intensify the force provided by the jaw to the gripping insert which is engaged with a cylindrical member.